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SUBJ: RECALL OF IRANIAN AMBASSADOR

REF: HAGUE 1398 AND TEHRAN 2086

1. ALTHOUGH RECALL OF IRANIAN AMBASSADOR FROM HAGUE HAS BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED HERE, SOLID INFORMATION ON ITS IMPLICATIONS OR GOI INTENTIONS IS HARD TO COME BY. MFA DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS KAZEMI CONFIRMED TO POLCOUN TODAY THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN BROKEN. ALTHOUGH KAZEMI HIMSELF WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER ENTIRE STAFF HAD BEEN PULLED FROM THE HAGUE, HE STATED THAT EVEN IF THIS WRE THE CASE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD ONTINUE. HE MADE ANALOGY TO ZAMBIA WHERE IRAN HAS FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BUT NO RESIDENT EMBASSY.

2. CONCERNING FEAR THAT IRAN MIGHT EMBARGO OIL TO NETHERLANDS, WE ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THIS WILL NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN. SHAH HAS FREQUENTLY TAKEN PUBLIC POSITION THAT OIL SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE USED AS POLITICAL WEAPON AND IT IS UNLIKELY HE WOULD REVERSE POSITION OVER INCIDENT SUCH AS THIS. OUR GUESS IS THAT TO MAKE HIS POINT SHAH INTENDS TO LET AMBASSADOR DE LAVALETTE COOL HEELS FOR A WEEK OR SO BEFORE RECEIVING HIM AND WILL THEN ACCEPT DUTCH APOLOGY AS ENDING MATTER.

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3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME LAST NIGHT IT WAS LUCKY THAT THOSE WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED AGAINST IRANIAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS WERE NOT RPT NOT REGISTERED STUDENTS IN BELGIUM AND THEREFORE COULD BE TOSSED OUT OF COUNTRY. UNDERSTAND MANY OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE HAGUE WERE ALSO FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
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